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S. RES. 119

Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to United Nations General Assembly Resolution ES-10/6.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 1999

Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas in an Emergency Special Session, the United Nations General Assembly voted on February 9, 1999, to pass Resolution ES-10/6, “Illegal Israeli Actions In Occupied East Jerusalem And The Rest Of The Occupied Palestinian Territory”, to convene for the first time in 50 years the parties of the Fourth Geneva Conference for the Protection of Civilians in Time of War;

Whereas such resolution unfairly places full blame for the deterioration of the Middle East Peace Process on Israel and dangerously politicizes the Geneva Convention, which was established to deal with critical humanitarian crises; and

Whereas such vote is intended to prejudice direct negotiations, put additional and undue pressure on Israel to influence the results of those negotiations, and single out Israel for unprecedented enforcement proceedings which have never been invoked against governments with records of massive violations of the Geneva Convention: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the Department of State for the
3 vote of the United States against United Nations
4 General Assembly Resolution ES-10/6 affirming
5 that the text of such resolution politicizes the
6 Fourth Geneva Convention which was primarily hu-
7 manitarian in nature;

8 (2) urges the Department of State to continue
9 its efforts against convening the conference; and

10 (3) urges the Swiss government, as the deposi-
11 tary of the Geneva Convention, not to convene a
12 meeting of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

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